

June 04/05, 2016

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Five minutes before the service, the Pastors and Elders are praying for you. As we enter the House of God, let us meditate quietly and prepare our hearts for worship and praise of our Lord and Savior. Remember what the Scriptures say, "The Lord is in His holy temple; Let us all the earth keep silence before Him!"
Habakkuk 2:20

(Please check your cell phones and beepers to make sure they are turned off while in the Sanctuary.)

TO OUR VISITORS

In the Name of the Lord Jesus we bid you welcome to our congregation, to its blessings, to its comfort, and to its peace. Within this congregation let no one feel himself a stranger. We ask you to sign our guest register located in the foyer and to fill out the guest book in each pew letting us know how we can serve you. If you have no church affiliation elsewhere, we invite you to make Mount Calvary Evangelical Lutheran your church home. Membership is open to all who are in accord with the doctrines and practices of our church, as based on the Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions. Please get in touch with one of our Pastors for the next available new member class.

THE LORD'S EXPECTATION OF THE MEMBERS OF MT. CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

In the glad confession of the Christian faith the Lord expects that every member attends Worship and the Lord's Supper faithfully. The Lord expects every member is involved in Christ-centered education, (Bible Study); The Lord expects every member to be a missionary of Christ and of the Gospel to our community; and that every member is a faithful steward and disciple for the honor and glory of the Lord Jesus Christ.

THIS WEEKEND

Orders of Service:	Divine Service I w/ Holy Communion
Hymns:	741, 744, 618, 637, 642, 917
Theme:	Not Man's Gospel
Text:	Galatians 1:11
Sermon by: Pastor Domke	Liturgist: Pastor Domke

A STATEMENT OF OUR PRACTICE OF CLOSE COMMUNION

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, Our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very Body and Blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins. I Cor. 10:14ff. Our Lord invites to His table those who repent of all their sins and who trust His words, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's Body and Blood unworthily do so to their great harm (I Cor. 11:29) and because Holy Communion is a confession of faith which is confessed at this altar, (I Cor. 10:15-18) any who are **not yet instructed in this faith, who in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church Missouri-Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked to speak with one of the Pastors in their office prior to the service.** Visitors who have previously spoken with one of the Pastors, and who received permission to commune, do not need to seek permission for subsequent visits to the altar.

Adult Bible Study: We return to the study of II Corinthians, we are in Chapter 8:2. Stewardship is the topic which St. Paul addresses. He speaks directly about money. However, over the next several weeks, we will be teaching not only stewardship of money, but of wealth, which is not necessarily the same. I also plan to address socialism and Marxism. These are not just political points of view, they are world views which are anti-Christian and which are spreading in America and in parts of the church using terms which seek to hide their true meaning. Please do not miss these presentations. Further, as part of this discussion on stewardship I will be teaching on Biblical Stewardship of the environment. We are bombarded with radical environmentalism. This is not about clean air, or water, or about people, it is about money and control of culture with a mix of the worship of Gaia.

PARISH PRAYERS

◊ Remember those serving in our military. (Please give the church office information on our members who are serving in the armed forces so we can be in contact with them.)

◊ Remember those who have been hospitalized or have special needs: **Cindy Alter, Lynn Reimnitz, Cliff and Marilyn Schieckoff, Russell Dillon, Robin Shoultz, Elmer Beckman, Roger Kropuenske, Marlys Green.**

◊ Remember those who have lost a loved one:

Flowers on the altar

Are given in glory to God in celebration of Alvin and Esther Halbur’s 63rd Wedding Anniversary on June 7th from Johnny, Linda and Tony Halbur

◊ **Hospital Visitation**—Please let us know when you are going or are in the hospital. Pastor Domke

◊ Please notify the church office when you or a loved one is entering the nursing home. Because of the privacy laws this information is not available to the public nor the Pastors.

Vacation Bible School Sign up sheet for donation of cookies or bars for the week of June 6-10 is located on the table in the fellowship hall. Your help is greatly appreciated.

◊ THOSE WHO SERVE IN GOD’S HOUSE THIS WEEK

	7:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Organist:	Mia Kruse	Mia Kruse	Mia Kruse
Acolyte:		Brylee Hamilton	Tanner Marone

BLESSED BY MEANS OF GRACE:	Divine Worship: 234	Sunday School: N/A	Adult Bible Class: 75
Weekly Budgeted: Offering Last Week	Needed to Date	Giving to Date	Budget Short Fall
General \$7,011	\$5,257.00	\$154,242.00	\$127,790.00
Mission \$1,698	\$814.00	\$37,356.00	\$32,395.00
Building \$576	\$373.00	\$12,672.00	\$11,180.00
			\$26,452.00
			\$4,961.00
			\$1,492.00

Several Weeks ago Pastor Smith received a Divine Call from White Lake, WI. He announced it on Sunday April 17 and announced he had accepted the call on May 1, 2016. His last Sunday will be June 19. At 12 noon we will be having a farewell reception for Pastor, Megan and Josie. By this time everyone should have received a letter about the reception and cash gift for the Smiths. If you wish to participate in this, please place your gift in an envelope with Pastor Smith’s name on it and mail in to the office or place it in the offering plate when you are here for worship. Pastor Domke

Salvation Army could use our help with the following items: Tuna helper, mac and cheese, chunky soups, hot chocolate mixes, spaghetti, ravioli, peanut butter (16 oz.) or larger, canned fruit (mixed fruit or pears), jelly, cake mixes, instant oatmeal or any breakfast items. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Main Street Living-Kid's Crossing - Did you know that you can get daily devotions on the **Main Street Living** web site? Just go to www.mainstreetliving.com, click on the Lutheran Hour Ministries link, then click on the Daily Devotion tab. There is a new message posted every day. Kid's Crossing-Lists are important. They remind us of what we need to do. A prayer list reminds us of who and what we are to pray for.

Miss Tina reads the story of how God led the Israelites into the promised land, and how a woman named Rehab helped them conquer the city of Jericho. June 12, 2016-Rev. Timothy Koch of Concordia Lutheran in Cresbard and Immanuel Lutheran in Wecota SD brings today's message, "The Perfect Imperfect Example" based on selected passages from 2nd Samuel. The Hymns: I Lay My Sins On Jesus; Chief of Sinners Though I Be; and Jesus, Sinners Doth Receive will be led by the Main Street Living Choir. The program is interpreted and closed captioned for the hearing impaired.

Coborn's Receipts are now being collected for May, June and July and are due by August 7th. Please be sure the date is on the receipt or we can't use them. Thank you for your support of our Preschool. We earn approximately \$250 every three months by simply saving Coborn's receipts.

One Confirmation Banner remains to be picked up, in the fellowship hall to the east end of the south kitchen window.

Diaper Derby Mt. Calvary will be participating in the Diaper Derby which runs from Mother's Day until Father's Day. We will be collecting diapers of all sizes and they will be distributed to agencies in our community who deal with families and children. Anyone may donate packaged diapers. Look for the collection site in the Fellowship Hall or by the Activities Center.

Ushers Needed: for all church services. Men, women and youth are welcome! Sign up sheet is on the table in the fellowship hall.

Church website and Facebook: Check out our website at www.mtcalvaryhuron.org. There are many resources available on the website and they are growing: news, bulletins, newsletters, worship services, (audio), confirmation information, preschool information, plus much more. Also, check us out on Facebook (Mt Calvary) and send a Facebook "friend" request.

Men's Thursday Evening Bible Study: will not meet during the summer. We will resume in the fall.

Flower Chart for 2016 Is posted on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board. Those desiring to provide flowers may sign up for the weekends listed. You may also list an occasion, such as anniversary, birthday, etc. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! Summer Sunday school classes will begin on June 12 for the children at Mt. Calvary. The school year teachers are taking a well-deserved break. Therefore, we are in need of volunteers who would be willing to teach one or two Sundays (or more) through the summer months. Teaching materials are provided

for you. We just need a little of your time, talent, and your love of the Lord Jesus. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the fellowship hall. Please consider helping with this very important ministry at Mt. Calvary. Questions? Talk to Bryan Van Scharrel or Kerry Niederbaumer.

Thank you!! Thank you very much for your exceedingly generous financial support for me while I study at seminary. I hope and pray that my time at seminary is full of good learning and preparation to serve as a pastor, as my dad and grandpa have done so well and fruitfully. I am very grateful that you extend this kindness and helpfulness to me. I thank you for this and for all of your service, which is really all for one man, Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Blessings, Titus Utecht.

There will be a **meeting after Bible study on Sunday June 5th for Thrivent members who allocated their Thrivent Choice Dollars** to Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church. Everyone who allocated their Thrivent Choice Dollars to Mt. Calvary please come. We will be discussing the purchase of a new duplicator for the church office.

Today, Sunday, June 5, at 2:00 pm all Vacation Bible school helpers are asked to meet at the church fellowship hall for a short meeting. Following the meeting we will be decorating for our VBS. Please plan to help with this if you are available. **We are still in need of volunteers** to lead groups of children from one activity to another. If you can help us out, please let Kerry or Becky know today. The cookie sign-up sheet is on the table in the fellowship hall, and we need more volunteers for that also. Thank you to everyone who has been willing to help.

HOPE Fellowship Group is cancelled for June 10.

New Sound System

Mt. Calvary has a number of memorials to help meet future ministry goals, one of which is a new system to enhance sound quality for hearing and recording purposes. Last year sound engineers spent nearly a day measuring and examining our facility. The result was a plan to enhance sound quality to include no dead spots in the sanctuary at an estimated cost of \$54,000.00. We are closer to the goal as several gifts have come in over the last several months. If you worshipped in the activities center recently you heard the difference in quality of sound in the activities center verses the sanctuary. The first goal of a new sound system in the sanctuary is for even sound coverage ensuring an even sound intensity over the entire nave of the church. An effective way to ensure this is to provide even direct field sound coverage. The direct field is the sound that reaches the listener's ears directly from the speaker or speakers.

Over the last several years Roger Kropuenske has kept the sound system going by replacing essential parts as well as by-passing some components to keep things working. Please thank him for that work. And please consider special gifts toward meeting this ministry goal.

Students Surprised to Find Noah's Ark Feasible

by Brian Thomas, M.S.

Advanced physics students at Leicester University were tasked with determining if the Biblical dimensions of Noah's ark—assuming it was properly constructed—could have supported the mass of 70,000 animals. Student Kayie Raymer told UK's *The Telegraph* that after other "more serious" assignments, this one was "something different."¹ What did they find?

The students used 48.2cm (almost 19 inches) as the length of a cubit to estimate the total dimensions of the ark. Using the density of water and Archimedes' principle of buoyancy, they calculated the total mass the ark could contain without sinking.

"Previous research has suggested that there were approximately 35,000 species of animals which would have needed to be saved by Noah," according to *The Telegraph*, though they cited no source for this estimate. Doubling this number to account for a male and female of each species, the student group estimated that the ark needed to have held approximately 70,000 creatures. To the students' surprise, they found that this amount did not exceed the total mass the ark could contain. Physics student Thomas Morris told *The Telegraph*, "You don't think of the Bible necessarily as a scientifically accurate source of information, so I guess we were quite surprised when we discovered it would work." The students published their results in Leicester University's *Journal of Physics Special Topics*.

The students' results at the ark having 70,000 creatures actually exceed biblical expectations, giving further assurance that the ark could hold all that it needed—including food and even water. Creatures change within the boundaries of their own "kinds" or fundamental forms, so Noah certainly did not need to take on board all "species," a modern term that seems to bear as many definitions as there are researchers who use it.

What about the biblical detail given in Genesis, which noted seven of each bird kind—probably meaning seven pairs of each bird kind—on board Noah's ark? If today's "species" were substituted for basic "kinds" here, then the total number of birds would probably have exceeded ark capacity. However, creation biologists have been combing the literature for breeding records that help them estimate which "species" likely belonged to a "kind."² For example, breeding studies link sparrows and finches as within-kind creatures.³ Instead of over 1,000 sparrow or finch "species," perhaps as few as 14 sparrow-finch representatives were on the ark.

Applying this principle to all "species" would dramatically reduce Leicester University's student-estimated 70,000 animals. Creation researcher John Woodmorappe's book, *Noah's Ark: A Feasibility Study*, estimated the number of ark kinds as the number of families of extant and extinct air-breathing, land-dwelling animals, totaling about 8,000 kinds or 16,000 individuals—including the sevens of birds and clean animals.⁴ That would require merely one third of the ark's volume, leaving plenty of space for provisions and people.

It's amazing what happens when the Bible's accuracy is put to the test. The Leicester University physics students "were astonished to find out that the Ark would have floated," according to *The Telegraph*.¹ How much more astonished would they be to find that the Ark not only could have floated, but could have carried all its passengers and their provisions *for a whole year*, just as the Scriptures say? Since the Bible contains spiritual truths, discovering that the Bible also records historical truth turns out to be "more serious" than secularized students at first suspect.

This Week in the Parish

Day	Time	Event	Place
Saturday	7:00 p.m.	Worship w/Communion	Sanctuary
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Worship w/Communion	Sanctuary
	9:15 a.m.	SS/ Adult Bible Class	Fellowship Hall
	10:15 a.m.	Thrivent Meeting	
	10:30 a.m.	Worship w/Communion	Sanctuary
	2:00 p.m.	VBS Helpers Meeting	Fellowship Hall
Monday:		Pastor Domke's day off	
	5:30 p.m.	Board of Stewardship Mtg. LIC Men's Retreat Planning Mtg.	Pastor's Office
Monday-Friday	5:30 p.m.	Vacation Bible School Week	
Tuesday:		No Bd of Evangelism Mtg.	
Tuesday-Wednesday:		Pastor Domke on vacation	
Friday:		Pastor Smith's day off HOPE Fellowship Group Cancelled	
Saturday:	7:00 p.m.	Divine Worship	Sanctuary